available even less than Government notified price;

(d) if so, what are the reasons to allow import;

(e) what is the bulk drug price on which formulation prices have been fixed and what is the present price of each formulation;

(f) whether it is a fact that the manufacturer is deliberately creating artificial shortage; and

(g) what is the exact position and by what percentage the supply has been curtailed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The current notified price of the bulk drug, namely, Phenytoin Sodium is Rs. 236/- per kg. The landed price of this bulk drug is not separately available. However, based on DGHS weighed average data for the year 1990-91 the average c.i.f. price of Hydentoin Derivatives, which includes Phenytoin Sodium also, was Rs 369.16 per kg.

(c) Government is not aware of such a situation.

(d) Import of any bulk drug is allowed to bridge the gap between indigenous demand and production.

(e) Dilantin Capsules (100 mg) and Dilantin Suspension (0.1 gm per 4 ml) conform to ceiling packs whose notified prices are Rs. 21.65 (100's bottle) and Rs. 7.65 (114 ml bottle) respectively. These prices are pre-DPCO, 1987 and based on bulk drug price of Rs. 261.06 per kg. Similar information for Epsolin Injection is not readily available.

(f) and (g) There are reports of shortage of Dilantin brand formulations based on Phenytoin Sodium. However, other branded formulations based on this bulk drug are easily available in the market.

Life Saving Drugs

2272. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 11th July, 1992 under the caption "Life Saving Drugs Scarce";

(b) if so, what was the sales turn over of Kaplin, Lnyechi Halaxon, Haemaceil-Ranojodihe, Crytosar Injection, Honwon, Pankeron, Siquil, Salazopyrin Tablets, Johnson Eye Pad and Cholera Vaccine during the last two yars yearwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that all these products are outside price control;

(d) if so, what was the price of each of these products before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price; and

(e) when each manufacturer submitted the form providing the break up before increase of price as required under DPCO, 1987 and what are the details of Material Cost and MAPE taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) The requisite information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Black marketing of Vitamin-C

2273. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that there is black marketing of Vitamin-C;

(b) whether it is also a fact that producers are selling non-pharmaceutical grades

of Vitamin-min-C at their price total disregard of quality control and Government notified price;

(c) what is the notified price and at what price Vitamin-C is being sold;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to allow imports of Vitamin-C;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) what was the total production of Vitamin-C during the last three years year wise, and from 1st April to 30th June, 1992 as well as of individual producers; and

(g) what is the estimated demand for 1992-93 and what arrangement is being made to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (c) Some complaints of overcharging have come to the notice of the Government which are being looked into. The current notified price of Vitamin-C plain is Rs. 445/- kg.

(b) Vitamin C of non-pharmaceutical grade is outside price control.

(d) and (e) Government is keeping a watch on the demand and supply position of Vitamin C. With the steps already taken by the Government, supply situation should improve considerably. However, if gap between demand and supply continues, Government may consider import of Vitamin-C to ensure its availability.

(f) To the extent available, information has been given in the Statement. (*See* below.)

(g) As estimated by the Working Group on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals for 8th Plan, demand of Vitamin C for 1992-93 is 1033 MT. The installed capacity of the two existing manufacturers is adequate to take care of this demand.

Statement

Production Data of Vitamin 'C' (in tonnes)

S. No.	Name of the producer	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992		
					April	May	June
1	Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises .	377·95	360·42	403·27	20·15	24·50	22·37
2	Jayant Vitamins Limited . .	615·00	717·00	477·76	18·89	33·60	33.57